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THINGS COMING OUR WAY.

The announcement by Sir Henry Thornton, that he had been successful in obtaining running rights for the C. N. R. over the C. P. R. tracks from Fredericton to Vanceboro, should be pleasing news to the people of central New Brunswick. What the C. N. R. authorities asked for in the first place was permission to construct a branch line from Kingsclear to Vanceboro, in order to establish direct connection with the New England railway system. The House of Commons passed the bill but an amendment by the Senate, provided that construction work could not proceed unless it were found impossible to secure running rights over the lines of the C. P. R. These running rights have now been obtained and it is expected that by the month of June the C. N. R. will be running its own trains direct from Halifax to Vanceboro, via Fredericton.

While the arrangement completed by the C. N. R. is not what was asked for it will have to be accepted on the principle that half a loaf is better than no bread. The best thing to be said in its favor is that it will defer a capital expenditure of \$2,000,000 until such time as the country is better able to afford it.

The arrangement for running rights made by Sir Henry Thornton is going to increase the receipts of the St. John Valley Railway and for that the people of the province should be exceedingly thankful. It is also going to be of considerable benefit to Fredericton as it is going to mean more through trains, more passengers and more freight business to be handled here. Best of all it is going to give the C. N. R. direct connection with the New England States and place it in a position to provide a more efficient and more economical service to its patrons.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

While some opposition has developed to the proposal to continue the annual civic grant to the Board of Trade, there is no doubt that the business interests of the city strongly favor it and that a strong case can be made out on behalf of the Board. It is claimed that if the grant is withdrawn it will seriously cripple the activities of the Board, and nobody having in mind the good work for the advancement of the city accomplished by the Board in the past, would want to see such a thing happen. It was the Fredericton Board of Trade which started and carried on the agitation which resulted in the construction of the Valley Railway. It can also claim a large share of the credit for the establishment in this city of the Hartt Boot and Shoe Company. The Board has ever been active in the matter of freight rates and in this connection has been able to save the people of this city many thousands of dollars each year. It costs money to do these things and it is not an unfair proposition that the taxpayers should bear a portion of the expenses. It is claimed that a grant of \$1,500 to the Board would on the basis of the last assessment, mean an additional tax of only 5½ cents on each \$100 of assessable property. Surely it will not be argued that the services of a live Board of Trade are not worth that to the city.

Dr. Marston T. Bogert, professor of organic chemistry at Columbia University, advances rather a novel theory. It is that character, mental and moral, depends largely upon chemical reactions within the body. That probably explains why we have always had a suspicion of the man who eats parsnips.

Mr. Fank J. D. Barnjum of pulpwood fame has wired the sum of \$500 from Halifax to Mr. D. L. Burgess, independent candidate in Prince Albert, to be used in defraying his legitimate expenses in his campaign against Premier King. Mr. Barnjum describes the Premier as "the greatest usurper in history."

In spite of the French editor's efforts, base ball can't be expected to make much progress where the nearest equivalent to "Attabo!" is "C'est le garçon!"

Alma Gluck sang "Carry Me Back to Ol' Virginny" for a phonograph record 11 years ago and has since drawn \$127,000 in royalties, which should be ample to get her back to Virginia.

Still, an old-fashioned dance isn't exactly that without the rustle of invisible taffeta.

Why worry about the boys who are rewriting history? Someone will rewrite theirs.

The Irving Berlins are gradually settling down to the status of just another young couple.

A diet regime is something for which one pays a physician \$25 and puts off until next Monday.

Tact is that priceless quality which moves the salesgirl to refer to the 48 frock as a "neat little number."

The old times were those in which there were not so many go-getters but more holders-on.

The most poignant humor is that with a touch of pathos; such as February jokes about Florida.

A coward is one who waits until the month after Christmas to wear the wild ties he buys during the year.

A man is definitely old when he no longer thinks of snow occasionally as something that goes under a sled.

By rights, a four-hour speech to gum up a legislative program should be known as crabapple-sauce.

Is there any particular reason why a man carrying out a bushel of ashes is always walking against the wind?

Nowadays a nation has to be fairly permanent to outlive its own war debt.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

There is very little reason any more why a clothesline should break.

Lima Beane thinks "the truth of the matter" is often a fabrication.

Politics: Selecting the best vote-getter in preference to the best man for the office.

Unlike love, spinach can be warmed over without losing its your-maintaining elements.

Setting-up exercises by radio are observed in the morning; sitting-up exercises by night.

Human ears are getting smaller, they say, but there are not many of us who need worry.

Human nature is funny. If the pleasure is seasoned with a little wickedness it seems much more palatable.

When David remarked, "I said in my haste that all men are liars," he made it sound as if he was taking it back.

We believe the boys of the nation were safer in the old days, when they got a kick out of thinking about going west to fight Indians.

Boston is getting anxious to be known as the fourth city in the country and is moving to take in more territory. Boston may become a bigger city, but for a Bostonian to talk out a "greater Boston" would amount to disloyalty.

TODAY IN HISTORY.

Tuesday, February 9.

This is the Festival of St. Apollonia, the especial patroness against toothache.

Centenary of the birth of Gen. John A. Logan, famous Illinois soldier and statesman.

Thirty-five years ago today began the great strike in the Connellsville coke regions.

George Ade, celebrated humorist and playwright, celebrates his 60th birthday today.

National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners meets at Kansas City.

The 1926 national swimming and diving championship for women begin at St. Augustine.

DIED.

SUTHERLAND—At her home, Campbell street, Fredericton, N. B., on the 9th inst., Miss Eliza Sutherland, aged seventy-two years. Funeral Wednesday with service at 2.30 by Rev. Mr. McLeod of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Interment in the Rural Cemetery.

LITTLE STORIES OF THE TOWN

The Upkeep That Costs.

"People talk about the upkeep on their automobiles, but few say anything about the upkeep of their shirts and collars," remarked a Queen street business man yesterday. "Men pay two and three times the cost of their shirts for laundering before they cast them aside, and as for collars it amounts to four times the cost."

Here and There

Sawn lumber production in Nova Scotia during 1925 totalled 300 million feet, according to the provincial government statistics. Of this quantity 175 million feet have been exported.

Canada's mineral output for 1925 is estimated at \$228,440,000, as compared with \$209,585,406 for 1924. The previous record was \$227,359,665 in 1920, when metal prices were about 35 per cent. higher than in 1925.

There are 4,045,760 acres of home-stead lands in Manitoba in a radius of 20 miles from railway lines. In all there are 25,286 quarter sections, or sufficient to settle 20,000 families, the bulk of the land being in Eastern Manitoba.

The value of wheat delivered at Western Canadian points from August 1 to December 15, 1925, was \$338,800,000, representing an average cash return to farmers of over \$1,300 per farm. This is a new high record and the returns are greater for the four and a half months than for the entire preceding year.

According to information at Canadian Pacific Railway Headquarters at Montreal, the Canadian curlers who went over to Scotland on the C. P. liner "Montrose," are touring the land of the thistle with success. The Canadians defeated Sprathmore and Loch Leven at Edinburgh. J. G. Macdonald, of Fort William, was still unbeaten.

The whole company of "The Three Little Maids," an English musical comedy starring the famous British comedian G. P. Huntley, arrived at the C. P. R. Windsor Station, Montreal, recently, and grouped themselves round an engine for a novel photograph. The show is due in Ontario during the months of February and March.

A settlement, to be known as the Clan Donald colony, comprising 100 families and covering 30,000 acres of land, will be established near Vermilion, Alberta, this spring, through a joint contract entered into by the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Overseas Settlement Committee and the Scottish Immigrant Aid Society. The railway has purchased the land and the Scottish Immigrant Aid Society is to secure the immigrants.

According to G. A. Harcourt, Secretary of the Soldiers' Rehabilitation Committee at Montreal, fine work has been done in the placing of many returned men in good positions. There are still about 800 returned soldiers, married and living in Montreal, who are out of work, but many of these will be placed in the model city of Arvida, which is being constructed by the Aluminum Company of America in the Lake St. John district in Quebec.

Alfred H. Devenish has been appointed manager of the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, to succeed S. F. Pierce who has gone to the Vancouver Hotel, according to an announcement by the Canadian Pacific Hotel Department. Mr. Devenish joined the Canadian Pacific Hotel Department in 1912, and was later accountant and assistant manager at the Place Viger Hotel in Montreal. He will leave the Algonquin Hotel at St. Andrews, N.B., where he has been manager, to go to Winnipeg.

A wide and distinguished galaxy of speakers from Great Britain, France and the United States is announced for the third triennial National Conference on Education, to be held in Montreal April 5 to 9 next. Among those included are: The Duchess of Atholl, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the British Board of Education, Sir Henry Walford Davies, Chairman of the National Council of Music of Wales; Senator Andre Honnorat, former Minister of Education at Paris; His Grace Mgr. Alfred Boudrillard, Archbishop of Paris.

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Barristers' Society.

The Council of the New Brunswick Barristers' Society was in session last night preparatory to the annual meeting of the Society to be held tonight. The Council met in the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

W. J. Mahoney of Saint John is among the barristers here on business before the Supreme Court.

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